

## Homosexual diversity at UR

Over the last week or so, you may have noticed an onslaught of pink triangles with the number "350" written on them posted on doors and walls all over campus. If your curiosity led you to ask around about their meaning, then the University of Richmond gay, lesbian and bisexual population is a step closer to achieving their goal of increasing the on-campus awareness of homosexuality.

The pink triangle is the most widely known symbol of homosexuality, while the 350 represents the number of gays, lesbians and bisexuals that statistics tell us should be among the 2,800 member undergraduate student body.

This is an enormous step forward in diversifying the University of Richmond student body. Whether there are 350 gay students at UR is not the issue. The main objective of the gay, lesbian and bisexual awareness drive is simply to promote understanding and acceptance of homosexuality on campus.

With President Clinton's proposal to end the ban on gays in the military, the issue of homosexuality in the United States has been brought to the forefront. Although the attempts to remove the ban on gays in the military is a step forward in ending bigotry and promoting understanding, it has brought with it a backlash against the homosexual population, culminating in such events as the beating of a homosexual man by three marines outside of a bar in North Carolina.

By promoting understanding and comprehension of gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, the homosexual population of the University of Richmond hopes to bring the campus community an awareness of a sort of diversity that, for too long, has gone unappreciated.